1992 (latest available) are given be low:—

Name of Bank	No. of branches
1. State Bank of India	325
2. State Bank of Hyderabad	62
3. State Bank of Indore	1
4. Allahabad Bank	27
5. Bank of Baroda	85
6. Bank of India	292
7. Bank of Maharashtra	480
8. Canara Bank	12
9. Central Bank of India	241
10. Dena Bank	85
11. Indian Bank	8
12. Indian Overseas Bank	7
13. New Bank of India	2
14. Punjab National Bank	18
15. Syndicate Bank	30
16. UCO Bank	29
17. Union Bank of India	114
18. Vijaya Bank	3
TOTAL:—	1821

(c) There were 590 branches of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) functioning in Maharashtra as at the end of March, 1992.

(d) and (e) Under Branch Expansion Programme 1990—95, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has not fixed any year-wise and State-wise target for opening of bank branches. The opening of bank branches is an ongoing process and the banks are expected to open branches at centres allotted to them in a phased manner during 1990—95.

Steps to help flood affected Punjab and Haryana

2604. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industry Ministry has urged the banks to prepare immediately a contingency plan to extend special workshops to see the rescue man inventory is received in flood hit areas of Punjab and Haryana; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete formula has been prepared by Banks and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The commercial banks are under instructions of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for providing relief measures in the areas affected by natural calamities viz. drought and floods etc. Taking into consideration the damages suffered by the farmers, trade, business and industry in different flood affected districts of Punjab after a visit of Central Team the Government have advised Punjab National Bank, convenor for Punjab and other banks having large presence in the State to implement the following measures to provide assistance to flood affected people in the State of Punjab.

(i) To provide timely and adequate credit to flood affected persons.

(ii) To reschedule existing loans and to provide fresh finance on need based requirements.

(iii) To form a Task Force at Chandigarh consisting of the representatives of the banks and the State Government to take concerted quick and timely action on various requirements.

As regard Haryana, Central Team of the Government of India recently visited the State for assessing the damages suffered by the farmers, trade, business and industry in the different flood affected districts of Haryana. A meeting of the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) has been held in which the damages caused by the flood was assessed. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and the State Government have interacted. The extent guidelines of RBI envisage *inter-alia* conversion of short term production loans into medium term loans, reschduling/ postponement of term loan instalments and provision of additional need-based crop/investment loans. *Banks are required to provide assistance* in accordance with the guidelines issued by RBI depending upon the merits of each case.

Loans through SIDBI

2605. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy for financial assistance through Small Industries Development Bank of India to Small Scale Industries; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that besides financial assistance there have been grievance of small scale manufacturers against the State Government policy; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a Committee and bring parity in the policy of all State facilitate loans through SIDBI'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) was set up in April, 1990 as a principal financial institution for promotion, financing and development of industry in the small scale sector and to co-ordinate the functions of the institutions engaged in such activities, SIDBI has been providing assistance for the growth of small scale industries under its refinance *schemes through SECs/SIDCs and* banks. Beside, it has also been extending assistance under Bills Rediscounting Scheme. Direct Discounting